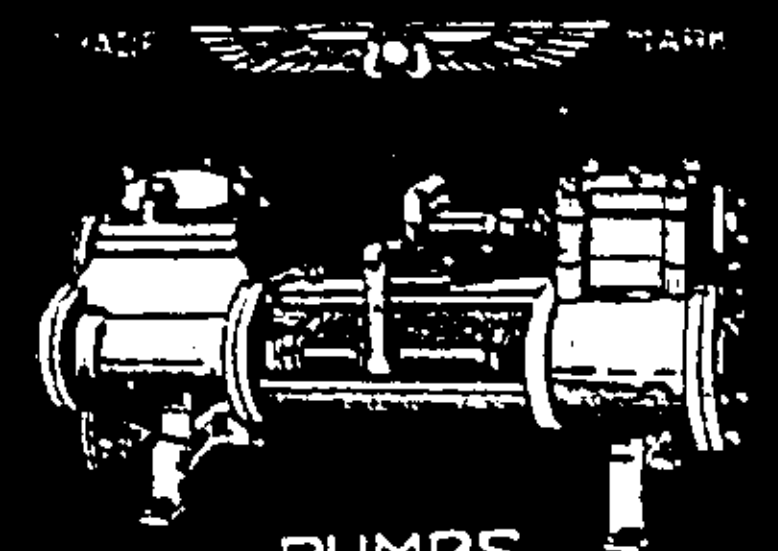


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REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

EX-GERMAN LINERS.

THE AMERICAN BIDS.

New York, February 18.

Mr. Payne, retiring Chairman of the Shipping Board, giving evidence before the Senate Commerce Committee, recommended the rejection of all bids for thirty ex-German liners just conducted, and asked for authority to renew the negotiations for the sale of the vessels for operation under the American flag.

Mr. Payne stated that the Shipping Board has already sold 188 vessels, including eighteen ex-German cargo ships, for \$93,500,000 for operation under the American flag. It is believed that the purchasers will not be able to transfer them to foreign ownership without the permission of the Board.

CHINESE DECORATIONS.

FOR BRITISH OFFICERS.

London, February 19.

The *Gazette* publishes a number of decorations conferred by the President of the Republic of China on British officers for distinguished services during the course of the war. They include the Order of Chiaho (First Class Tashou Paokuang) on Field Marshal Viscount Haig and Sir Henry Wilson; First Class on Sir William Robertson; the Order of the White Star (First Class) on Lord Allenby, the Earl of Cavan, Sir S. G. F. Milne and Sir W. R. Marshall; as well as many lower classes principally to officers who served with the Chinese Labour Corps.

THE SILVER MARKET.

London, February 19.

Messrs. Samuel Montagu and Company's silver report says the record fall in price of 14½ is due to temporary selling by China, combined with free selling by the Continent. A steady rally ensued, encouraged by enquiry from China and elsewhere. The substratum of strength in the silver position is evidenced by this strong reaction, despite adverse influences connected with the approach of Chinese New Year, heavy sales of melted coin from the Continent and free realisation of plate, etc. The latter is so considerable that the trade is more than supplied therefrom.

RICE EXPORTS.

INDIAN GOVERNMENT PROHIBITION.

Calcutta, February 19.

In the interest of consumers in Bengal, the Government has prohibited the export of rice except by special permit to countries absolutely dependent on supplies from India, when export will only be permitted in minimum quantities and if the requirements of the purchasing country cannot be met from Burma.

THE ROME-TOKYO FLIGHT.

Smyrna, February 18.

Two aeroplanes piloted by Lieutenants Frenas and Mafero, which left Rome on February 14 for Tokyo, have arrived here safely from Salonica.

TO-DAY'S CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

JAPAN'S LATEST TSINGTAU PROPOSAL.

Peking, February 24.

The Japanese Minister has called on the Foreign Department and stated that if China will agree to convert the Military Agreement into a Treaty, and carry out the terms, the Japanese Government will return Tsingtau to China unconditionally.

STUDENT THREATS.

Peking, February 24.

On hearing that representatives of the student parties are being sent to all the provinces, to call a general students' strike all over the country, the police are taking steps to stop such a proceeding, and are trying to dissolve all Student Unions.

LOANS FROM JAPAN.

Peking, February 24.

The \$5,000,000 Loan from Japan has been paid over to the Government by the Specie Bank in Shanghai.

The Japanese Loan of \$34,500,000 has been concluded, and handed over to the Government. The loan revenue is pledged as security. The loan bears 8 per cent. interest and is to be repaid in six months.

EARLIER SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

THE WEISS MYSTERY.

Shanghai, February 24.

The dismissal of the motion by the Attorney in the case of the coolie charged with the Weiss murder is probable at the Mixed Court on Wednesday. The informer retracts his story.

SHANGHAI RACES.

Shanghai, February 24.

The first of the three days racing at Kiangwan has seen two lady owners victors. In the Champions to-day Shenkolan (Mr. Burkil) was first, Guiding Star (Mr. Commons) second, and Tichfield (Mr. Stewart) third.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

WAR FORTUNES.

London, Feb. 20.

The Select Committee has opened its sittings to investigate a scheme for a tax on war-time fortunes. The official memorandum estimates the war wealth at \$3,250,000,000 and recommends considering the question by comparison of the aggregate wealth of individuals at present as compared with pre-war wealth and making a graduated levy upon all war gains over \$5,000. It is noteworthy hereafter that Lord Beaverbrook estimates that the tax on war wealth will yield £1,000,000,000.

Addressing the Select Committee to investigate the desirability of a tax on war-time fortunes, Mr. Chamberlain expressed the opinion that there was nothing in principle against the proposal to make a levy in respect thereof. Indeed a very strong and widespread feeling existed in its favour. The feeling that immense increase of wealth was obtained during or owing to the war while the bulk of the citizens were no better off or absolutely impoverished, compared with their previous position, created a sense of injustice and an unrest which menaced all accumulated wealth.

Mr. Chamberlain emphasised that the subject was fraught with many difficulties, and the imposition of the tax would necessitate the provision of severe administrative measures and large executive powers. While deprecating any idea to prejudice the decision, he himself frankly hoped the Committee would find the proposal practicable and approve it. He had instructed the Inland Revenue to furnish the Committee with all necessary confidential information. He added that the levy would be justifiable only if the proceeds were applied to reduction of debt.

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

The Hague, Feb. 20.

The Second Chamber passed, by 39 to 5 votes, a Bill for Holland's admission to the League of Nations.

Paris, Feb. 20.

M. Leon Bourgeois, who represented France at the recent meeting of the Council of the League of Nations in London, in a message to the League of Nations Union says "We are well pleased with the result of four days work. We have been able to obtain a unanimous vote on all questions on the agenda. We all realise to-day that the League of Nations is alive. The decision adopted to call shortly a financial conference is of the utmost importance. We are convinced the Governments of all countries will understand that in the present state of economic distress isolation can only mean suffering and reconstruction can only be accomplished by common agreement. The League of Nations is really alive, but in spite of the progress public opinion has made, the path of education is still necessary. The success already achieved should be sufficient encouragement to persevere in the work." "Havas."

(Continued on page 2 and 3.)

CHURCH WORK.

A HONGKONG SYNOD.

In connection with the Church of England, a local Synod was held at St. Paul's College, yesterday, the Bishop of Victoria presiding.

The Bishop gave an interesting review of the history of the English Church in the Diocese, following which many subjects were discussed. Mr. L. Forster introduced the subject of education by religious bodies, and a discussion thereon ensued. Another subject dealt with was that of the parochial boundaries, and it was decided that the whole island be regarded as the parish of St. John's Cathedral, including St. Peter's Church, and that St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, be regarded as a separate parish.

Other subjects raised were the ministering to the religious needs of the outports; the rendering of assistance to the Chinese Church; the exchange question as it affects the See, concerning which a Committee was appointed; and the question of Christian work amongst the Japanese community, which was referred to the Church Missionary Association.

COUNCIL MEETING.

THREE NEW BILLS.

The Legislative Council is to meet to-morrow, when the following Bills will be read a first time:—

A Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Non-Ferrous Metal Industry Ordinance, 1919.

A Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Banking Business (Prohibited Control) Ordinance, 1919.

A Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Liquors Consolidation Ordinance, 1911.

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TO-DAY.

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HONGKONG AND THE RICE TRADE.

WHAT OF THE FUTURE?

On Monday we mentioned that American firms were attempting to deal direct with Saigon for supplies of rice, thus eliminating transshipment at Hongkong. We have now been fortunate in getting the head of a large American firm interested in the rice trade to supplement the comments that appeared in the *Telegraph* of Monday.

"It is no use," said he, "transshipping stuff if you can get it by direct shipment. You will realise that every time you handle the rice cargo there is extra expenses involved. It is the desire of every merchant to get to the source of supply, as far as possible. It is impossible to say what will happen in the future. Rice is a speculative business. At times you may have freer sellers in Hongkong than in Saigon. Again, exchange is another element. I do not think that Hongkong is going to be put out of the run in rice, but the Colony is going to have more competition in this business. A large trade has already been done in rice direct from Saigon, which formerly used to be done with Hongkong. That is a positive fact. A great many of the Chinese importers of the cereal have agencies in Saigon. In former years the business here in rice used to be confined to Saigon and Siam grades. Owing to the embargo in Siam, there is no Siam quality rice on the market here. Just what is going to happen is a great problem."

"Is it true that the dealers here are trying to put down prices so as to prevent America doing business with Saigon direct?"

"It is not possible, as there is no organisation in the Colony. Saigon is a bigger market than Hongkong, and, of course, what is more important, it is the producing market. The key to the situation seems to me to be transportation. Transportation in former years used to be difficult. It was not easy to get ships to Saigon. Naturally, a great deal of the rice from Saigon moved to Hongkong. In many ways Saigon cannot get all the business. Ships will go down to Saigon for small quantities; so unless regular lines are established, there is no doubt that a great deal of the business will for some time pass through Hongkong. If sufficient inducement is given to steamship companies, ships will go down to Saigon."

"I am told that a number of United States Shipping Board vessels are on the Saigon run already," stated the interviewer.

"There are already some. The Pacific Mail Steamship Com-

pany have had ships on this line for the last two or three years, running from Calcutta to Saigon and Manila. There have been a lot of steamers offering for Saigon and there is no difficulty in getting vessels as in previous years. The whole thing, as I have said, pivots on transportation. Transportation is getting easier. More ships are available and this has facilitated business with Saigon and caused commotion in the Colony. It has put business into channels to which it should belong. Why should we buy rice in Hongkong if Saigon is the producing centre? The business in rice locally is confined to Siam and Saigon rice. Trade in the usual quality which means 50 per cent. Saigon mixed with 50 per cent. Siam, will continue to remain in the Colony. The probability is that that grade, when it is in demand, will be shipped from Hongkong to America. This quality rice cannot be shipped at present, as there is an embargo on the export of rice from Siam. There are many contingencies, and it is pretty difficult to say what will happen. Some American firms have sent representatives to Saigon with the object of investigating things. The conditions of sale and contract in Saigon are a little different from those ruling in Hongkong. A great deal of the business depends upon whether Saigon will meet buyers on terms which they have been accustomed to. Generally, all over the world everything is being done to meet buyers demands, and it seems reasonable that they will not meet them entirely but meet them partially. I prefer to do business with Hongkong. The firms that are established here are undoubtedly reliable people to deal with, and great consideration should be given to that but naturally people all over the world want to buy where they can get cheapest. While they are willing to acknowledge a certain amount for services, price must remain a very important factor. Rice is not only speculative, but it is handled on a close margin. It is absolutely essential, therefore, to buy from the cheaper source of supply. It would be different in the case of a commodity that yields big profits. So far as this year is concerned, I do not think the change will be crucial. The next year will give us a better idea of how business is going to be effected. That is the whole thing. This year is largely experimental."

"Is this a new venture as far as Saigon is concerned?"

"Dealing direct with Saigon for our rice is not a new venture. This year more has been done than in previous years on direct transactions with buyers whom Hongkong formerly served. Rice has been to the Colony the most important business during the war."

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 5s. 7½d.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast:—Cloudy. Barometer 30.26. Temperature 2 p.m.—61. Humidity 2 p.m.—72.

HONGKONG WAR MEMORIAL.

NOTHING SETTLED YET.

Interest in what form Hongkong's war memorial should take is at present practically at an ebb. Very few can tell off-hand who the members of the War Memorial Committee are to-day. In our search for information, we have discovered that the Hon. Mr. John Johnston is the Chairman, and that Mr. R. F. Mattingley had been the Secretary, but owing to his recent bad state of health nothing definite has been done. The Chairman even does not know much of what has happened. All that he could tell us to-day, when asked as to what was proposed to be done in the matter, was that a meeting of the Committee is proposed to be called for some day next week, when the different schemes will be considered.

SHANGHAI COMPETITION.

It has been finally decided by the Shanghai War Volunteer Memorial Committee that a Cenotaph, or other suitable memorial, be erected on the Bund at the end of Avenue Edward VII, on the site originally selected by the Joint Commission appointed by the Municipal Councils of the French and Foreign Settlements. Other sites were suggested, but the Committee, after having given the matter full consideration, came to the conclusion that the site first chosen is most in keeping with the purpose and sentiment of the memorial.

Mr. R. C. Turner, Mr. S. J. Halse, and Mr. H. Boisson kindly undertook to frame conditions which shall govern the competition, open to Shanghai architects, for the memorial design, and they will act as assessors. First, second and third prizes of Tls. 750, Tls. 500, and Tls. 250 respectively are offered, and the competition will close on April 15. The designers are limited to a cost of Tls. 25,000 for the memorial. Rules governing the competition will be sent as soon as possible to all local architects.

Various suggestions for an additional memorial of some practical nature have been discussed by the Committee, consideration being chiefly given to proposals for the establishment of a Commercial Museum. It was found that the Shanghai General Chamber of Commerce and the Chinese Chamber of Commerce were disinclined to favour this scheme, and as without their support little success could be hoped for, the proposal has been abandoned. The matter will remain in abeyance until the subscription list has been closed. Should funds then permit, after the cost of the Cenotaph has been met, the question of some memorial of utilitarian character will again be considered by the Committee.

EXCHANGE.

DROP IN SHANGHAI.

Shanghai exchange opened to-day, after the Chinese New Year, with a drop of 31. The official sterling rate for the tael is 8s. 21. The rate between the Shanghai tael and the Hongkong dollar is 65½, at which business has been done here. This ruling quotation is an indication that money is cheaper in the Northern Settlement. Here the market continues weak, merchants having to still buy under the 9½.



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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.**STATISTICAL CONFERENCE.**

London, Feb. 24.
The statistical conference concludes on 25th inst. A feature of the conference has been the remarkable unanimity, notwithstanding the diversity of conditions and interests represented. Generally speaking the South African statistical system readily adapted itself to the decisions of the conference. It is anticipated the new Imperial Statistical Bureau will be a co-ordinating medium more complete than any previously conceived.

THE CIVIL SERVICE.

London, Feb. 23.
The report of the Committee dealing with the reorganisation of the Civil Service recommends that women be given status and authority identical with men, with equal minimum pay and equal increments up to a point. A well-marked avenue of promotion is opened up by the University monopoly of administrative posts disappearing.

BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR.

London, Feb. 23.
The British Industries Fair has opened. 150 thousand invitations were issued, including forty thousand overseas. The stand frontage at the Crystal Palace section is five miles in length.

A NEW TANK.

London, Feb. 23.
A memorandum on the Army Estimates states that a new type of tank is being developed, with a speed of twenty miles per hour. It made a trial run of a thousand miles with practically no wear. Two of these have been despatched to India for experiment under tropical conditions.

RELIEF FOR VIENNA.

Vienna, Feb. 20.
The State Chancellor, in the course of a speech, declared that should the help of the Great Powers whereon Austria relied not come, the time and moment would come when the Austrian people must be permitted to try another solution, namely union with Germany.

London, Feb. 20.
The Vienna Relief Fund has reached a hundred thousand.

HOME POLITICS.

London, Feb. 20.
The result of the bye-election for the Wrekin division of Shropshire, necessitated by the death of Sir Charles Henry, was—Mr. Charles Palmer (Independent), 9,267; Mr. Charles Duncan (Labour), 8,729; Mr. John Bayley (Coalition Liberal), 4,750.

BOLSHEVIKS IN ARCHANGEL.

London, Feb. 20.
A Moscow wireless states that the Bolsheviks have captured Archangel. The Whites abandoned the town and the troops joined the Soviet.

CONSCRIPTION FOR AMERICA.

Washington, Feb. 20.
The House of Representatives Military Committee by 11 votes to 9 approved the principle of universal military training as the nation's future policy.

NEW FRENCH LOAN.

Paris, Feb. 11.
The new French loan, 6 per cent., is given a great send off to-day. Subscription lists will be closed on March 20.—Havas.

THE WATERLOO CUP.

London, Feb. 20.
In the Waterloo Cup final Fighting Force beat Honeyman. The betting was 4 to 7 on Honeyman.

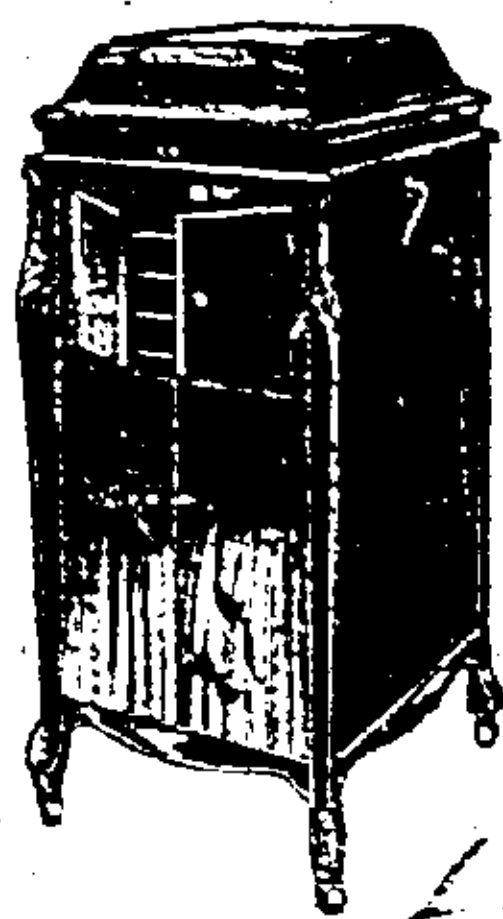
THE ROME-TOKIO FLIGHT.

Rome, Feb. 20.
A Caproni biplane flying to Tokio reached Adalia, in Asia Minor, on 19th inst., and is resuming its journey to Aleppo.

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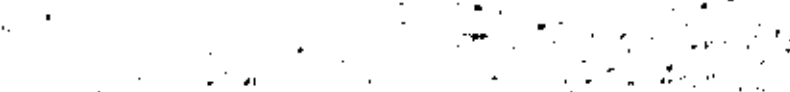
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EXPERIMENTS IN THE AIR.**ACCIDENTS TO KITE:
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At a meeting of the Royal Aeronautical Society, in the theatre of the Royal Society of Arts last month Mr. Griffith Brewer gave a lecture on "Some Kite Balloon Experiments." The chair was taken by Commodore E. M. Maitland.

Mr. Brewer explained that at the end of 1915 he was invited to deliver a course of lectures on the theory of ballooning at the Royal Naval Air Station at Rotherham, and for the following three years he lectured twice daily, and set examinations for officers under instruction. The experiments which Mr. Brewer went on to describe were at first defeated by minor accidents. One specially made balloon was caught by a gust of wind, and torn beyond repair. Another sailed away unrippled, and had to be chased in motor-cars from Rotherham to Merstham Tunnel where it descended undamaged. On a third occasion the branches of an elm tree in Richmond Park broke the fall. The lecturer related the details of an experiment in which he had General Maitland as a companion. In avoiding the river they were caught in Barnes railway bridge, the balloon descending on the electric line. The stationmaster, having been warned, stopped the traffic before the actual landing, and stood by the switch "to cut off the current in the event of anything happening." Nothing did happen, in spite of the car coming down between the two live rails, first into one, then into the other, while the tail sat across the live and wheel rails. The balloon and the car curtsied up and down, and the passengers had to wait patiently for the breeze to lift them into a safer position. At last, after a few minutes, which seemed much longer, they rolled over the rails to the side of the embankment, where the crew caught the car and carried it to safety. "There are few insulators," said Mr. Brewer, "better than a balloon car when it is dry, and the car on this occasion was as dry as the stationmaster's remarks. I venture to think that we have to thank the dryness of that car for being able at a later date to congratulate General Maitland on his wonderful voyage to America and back in R.34."

The run of ill-luck attending the first experiments seemed now to have been broken, but there was an occasion when on their way back to Rotherham the experimenters had to return with the headlamp of the car extinguished on account of an air raid over London. Eventually the "Brewer Rip," as Mr. Brewer's device was called, became standard for the Navy and also for Army balloons. Apart from the actual object in view, the experiments were instructive in many ways. Mr. Brewer concluded by thanking the officers who had shared in them, remarking that it was one thing to test one's own invention in the air, and quite another to stake one's life on the successful working of another man's invention.

GENERAL NEWS.**WOMEN IN U.S. POLITICS.**

El Paso, Texas, February 14.—After her election to the chairmanship of the League of Women Voters, Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt sounded the keynote of the convention, urging the women to affiliate themselves with political parties, saying that she realized that the only way to get things done was work from the inside of the party. She said that if the ratification should be completed, enabling women to vote in this year's contest, it will delay elections and possibly necessitate a new election.

FOCH ON THE FUTURE.

Marshal Foch, interviewed by the Excelsior, said:—So long as there were in this world men who were prepared to wage war those who wished to avoid it should be conversant with all scientific and industrial progress. With the best will in the world war was not always avoidable. It might arise on the frontiers of the most peaceful people, and perhaps more easily on the frontiers of such a people. It would be fatal to think that we should not have to fight again just because we did not want to fight again. He thought it wiser to be ready for all eventualities.

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BRITAIN'S NAVAL POLICY.

A few days ago one of Reuters' telegrams informed us that in view of the development in naval gunnery no fewer than eight of Britain's large Dreadnoughts were soon to be sold out of the service, and the telegram further went on to state that naval guns of the future would develop to proportions that a few years ago would have been viewed with something like awe. The object of our present reference is not to draw attention to this particular item of naval development, but to point out that although the trend of international politics is towards better understanding and a consequent limitation of armaments it is just as imperative to-day for the British Empire to maintain its sea supremacy as it was in days before and during the great war. It may seem a little paradoxical to be talking one minute of a League of Nations and in the next to be planning and spending for a naval strength that will be unassailable, but until the day has actually come when all nations freely and solemnly subscribe to the principle of settlement by arbitration Britain is forced to take an adequate precaution for her own defence.

If one looks around at all the principal nations one sees that there is every bit as much rivalry in naval development as ever there was. Japan and the United States have not curtailed their programmes in one particular, in fact the last budget of the first-named country made such an extensive provision for naval purposes that considerable comment was excited in the western world. The great land war that was foreshadowed for so many years has come and gone, and whilst it must be the fervent hope of all that a great naval war will never see birth, it has to be admitted that if a clash of naval strength did occur it would be on a scale that would dwarf all previously known naval history. It is in no sense because of expectation that Britain's naval strength must be maintained; it is only because in the sad event of necessity her first line of defence would be adequate to afford the protection needed. The Naval Estimates were recently before the Imperial Parliament and there was a good deal of public speculation as to the composition of the future Navy. A good deal was also heard as to Admiralty organisation and methods and Sir Percy Scott came out with a rather crushing indictment of the Whitehall system. Sir Percy bluntly stated that the Whitehall method of conducting business would break any commercial concern in a week, and it was not surprising, therefore, to find the First Lord of the Admiralty confessing that his department has no policy, but is only now beginning to think about it. The Lord Fisher school has shown a desire to know what those responsible for naval policy are really going to do about the modern battleship and the modern bomb-carrying seaplane, but the Admiralty seems to be in mood to watch progress and play a waiting game. There is something to be said for this policy because nobody knows what advances may be made by the air warship and the submarine. But there will be general agreement with the contention that Great Britain cannot afford to stand still. It is a matter of duty to decide on the composition of the fleet in all its branches and to set about the task of building up a new Navy on the lines previously determined. Such a navy might not last five years, the ships soon becoming obsolete, but that cannot be helped.

An island nation has to have a Navy that counts, and even if experimental work be costly Britons should not shrink from setting a lead and keeping it. There is no other safe course for England. To design ships to-day to meet the new conditions requires courage of the kind that does not hesitate even to make mistakes rather than do nothing. New theories of naval warfare are being aired, but none of them can be subjected to the proof, our duty is to frame a construction policy from these theories, and having framed it, carry it through with resolution until new inventions or the test of experience proves us to be wrong. If there is to be a revolution in methods of naval warfare, Britain has to make sure that she is at the head of it. If Whitehall can state that she has no policy after having achieved the naval victories of the late war, it is time that those in residence at the Admiralty determined on one. Britain cannot afford to be anywhere else than in front.

NOTES & COMMENTS.

THE RENT MYSTERY SOLVED.

According to Mr. Henry Humphreys, there is no mystery whatever about the upward tendency of rents in Hongkong and Kowloon. The thing is simply itself. If your rent is raised, you will know that it is because an "adequate" or a "sufficient" or a "decent" or a "fair" return has not hitherto been secured by the landlord. These adjectives are Mr. Humphreys'. If your rent remains unaltered, you will know that the landlords are fully satisfied. So it's quite easy to understand. Mr. Humphreys, in his interview which we published yesterday, was even willing to say what he considered a fair return. He placed it at eight per cent. net. So far, so good. It was quite easy to work out what the net return on a certain property would be, said Mr. Humphreys. But, despite the simplicity of the calculation, he wasn't "prepared to say" what Humphreys' Buildings, for example, yielded. He would not even indicate the return secured on the Company's developed property. He might, of course, argue that that was none of the public's business. We wonder he would give the information to his tenants. In any case, if it isn't the business of the public, why did he recently go to the trouble of announcing the return which the Company secured on its capital last year? His denial of profiteering and the announcement, almost in the same breath, of a pitiful 5 1/4 per cent. return on the capital of the Company, was clever, but not clever enough. If a landlord wants to prove that by increasing the rents of a particular block of property he is not profiteering, he can only do so by stating the actual return on that property. That is what Mr. Humphreys refuses to do.

SOME QUERIES.

Let us take Humphreys Building as a case in point. Have any of these flats ever remained unoccupied for longer than a month? Are not the rents higher to-day than ever before? All of them being occupied, did they give a fair return last year? If the answer to the last two queries is in the affirmative, what justification is there for a further increase now? To make the question more pointed still, what circumstance has arisen to warrant a 20 per cent. increase within the space of one year? One other old and familiar argument which Mr. Humphreys advanced in his interview was that the house-owning business is not a profitable one. If that is so, why do not all the estate agencies go into liquidation and employ their money to better advantage? Mr. Humphreys says there is no monopoly in house-building, and that anybody can go in for it. Does he mean to suggest that people can build for themselves? Where are they to get the money? Unhappily, the Government does not make low-interest advances to individuals, even though it does to a Company. That's where the Company has the pull. Anyone would think, from Mr. Humphreys' attitude, that his Company is having bad times, or that it is because of bad times in the immediate past that it now has to raise rents. But it is interesting to recall that last year, in referring to the operations of the Company for 1918, the Chairman spoke of the pleasure it gave him to come before shareholders with such a good account—"the best since 1901," to use his own words. That year the Company paid six per cent., which is precisely what it is paying for the past year. Then wherein lies the necessity for substantial increases in rentals now?

FAIR RENTS' BOARD.

Any measure to control rents would, in Mr. Humphreys' opinion, be a gross injustice to landlords. Why? Because, apparently, control is not exercised in other directions. But do two wrongs make a right? There are difficulties in the way of controlling the prices of imported commodities which do not apply in the case of house rents. At any rate, it was not considered "a gross injustice" to fix rents at Home, nor did the Humphreys Company view the matter in that light when the Government here, on building of new flats, prescribed what the standard of profit should be. On a Fair Rents Board we presume that the landlord interest would be represented.

DAY BY DAY.

A POLITE PERSON IS ONE WHO DOESN'T LET OTHER PEOPLE KNOW WHAT HE THINKS OF THEM.

Mr. Ho Sai-kwong has been decorated by the President of China with the Order of the Excellent Crop, 4th Class.

The Hon. Mr. John Johnstone returned to office to-day after an attack of flu, having been confined to his bed for many days.

Members of the Chamber of Commerce are entertaining the Hon. Mr. Severn, C.M.G., to dinner at the Hongkong Hotel on Friday.

Sergeant Appleton, of the Police Force, has been promoted to the rank of Inspector, and Sgt. Floyd becomes Acting Inspector.

Yesterday's health return shows two non-fatal cases of diphtheria (both British) and one fatal case of cerebro-spinal fever (Chinese).

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending 7th February, amounted to 90,902 tons and the sales during the period, to 63,773 tons.

One of the sufferers from flu has been Chief Inspector Kerr, who, his many friends will be pleased to learn, is now out of Hospital and expects to return to his duties very soon.

A number of Chinese deliberately forgot that yesterday was not New Year's Day, and the consequence of this was that they were rounded up by the Police for cracker-firing. Fines were imposed on the whole bunch at the Police Court this morning.

In the Billiards Championship, Mr. S. Gray and Mr. A. C. Rozario met at the V.R.C. to-night. The game fixed for Thursday between Mr. A. G. Pile and Lieut. Golding is postponed, owing to the indisposition of the former. On Monday, Mr. J. Parkes beat Mr. W. G. Langford by 500 to 438.

Two coal-coolies were to-day sentenced to three months' hard labour for the theft of a length of iron chain and two blocks from the s.s. Pilsna. Evidence was given by a boatwoman, who stated that the coolies transferred the chain to her boat in an endeavour to bring it ashore. The Police arrested them soon after.

A Chinese who looks as if he is better fitted for a more strenuous occupation was hauled before Mr. N. L. Smith to-day, his sin being begging. A licence of a truck driver was found on his person and it was stated by a Police Officer that it is used as camouflage to deceive the Police. A fine of \$2 was imposed on the defendant.

From the ashes and debris resulting from the recent fire at the dried meat shop in Graham Street, a quantity of sausages and dried ducks were dug out and put on display at an auction sale as delicious tit-bits fit for human consumption. An enterprising Chinese business man snapped up these goods, paying \$77 for the lot. He expected to obtain a considerable return on his deal by re-selling the stuff in the streets. It turned out that this meat, for health reasons, was tabooed by the Police. The enterprising man was arrested and to-day what looked like being a profitable business transaction was spoiled by the Magistrate (Mr. N. L. Smith) who ordered that the meat should be destroyed and the prisoner pay a fine of \$10.

And after all, it's only a Fair Rent that Mr. Humphreys wants. On this question, the Controlling Reform Association is asking tenants to supply it with details of oppressive rents. That is a good move, but unfortunately no tenant is in a position to say what return his landlord gets on particular property. That is where a Fair Rents Board would come in, for naturally such a Board must have access to the landlord's figures. The just landlord has nothing to fear from investigation. It's only the profiteer who wants to camouflage his returns.

ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL.

THE ANNUAL REPORT.

The distribution of prizes in connection with the above school is to take place to-morrow evening, when Mrs. E. R. Halifax will perform the ceremony.

The Headmistress' report states—

It is gratifying that the year of the Golden Jubilee of St. Francis' School is connected, should also be the year in which the highest attendance on the school roll has to be recorded. More than anything, perhaps, the history of education in Hongkong exemplifies the truth of the saying that "great oaks from little acorns grow." St. Francis' School plays its modest part in that remarkable growth. From being a little class, hardly worthy pupils in a basement of a poor and unpretentious district then known among the Chinese inhabitants as Chung Ka-wai, in Wanchai, St. Francis' School now functions in a most populous district of the Island with its record number of scholars to-day totalling 152 little boys and girls, exclusive of the Chinese section of the school with its additional seventy children.

At the date of the last annual official inspection of the school on the 17th June, 1919, there were present 112 (against 118 in 1918) with the actual number on the roll of 122 (against 135 in 1918). The increase to 152 at the present time, or 24.59% compared with but six months ago is gratifying progress indeed.

The daily attendance having outgrown the old school premises at the Wanchai Convent, now for the past four or five years the school has occupied rented premises. The building is Government owned. The school is handicapped by the payment of rent amounting to \$200 a month. This is a heavy charge when it is considered that the school fees are limited to a figure that is within the means of parents of children residing in the district.

Described in the official report of the Inspector "the building is suitable for school purposes; the rooms are well lighted and the premises are clean. The lack of play ground accommodation is, however, a drawback." This deficiency, when read with that paragraph of the Address of Welcome to Sir Reginald Stubbs in which the attention of our new Governor was invited to greater assistance to Grant-in-aid Schools in Hongkong, is an indirect appeal that may, it is hoped, receive consideration at the hands of the Authorities concerned. The Headmistress trusts that in the much-talked-of scheme of the Praya East Reclamation wherein, it is believed, Morrison Hill will play its part, some provision might be made for ground and building for the pioneer school in the Eastern District.

Reverting to the Inspector's report, the discipline of the school was found to be excellent and the staff adequate according to Code requirements. The work throughout the school has commended itself to the Inspector to the extent that in concluding his report he remarked that "it pointed to very careful and painstaking effort on the part of both staff and pupils." He recommended that the highest grant be awarded.

For the first time six pupils attended Dr. Key's lectures at the Convent on First Aid to the Injured. Three of them passed the examination and have been awarded certificates. The names of the successful pupils are: Miss Katie el Arculli, Miss Beatrice Tillman and Miss Halima Kitchell.

The new school year began with the re-establishment of the Upper Classes which had to be given up on account of shortness in staff during the war. It has to be remarked in connection with the Chinese section of the school that the English language is optional to those wishing to learn it. Three times a week are given to the teaching of the English language. It is satisfactory to observe that out of the 70 Chinese pupils 25 have availed themselves of the privilege of learning the English language. Other pupils have expressed their intention of joining the class after the China New Year holidays. This class is in charge of a Chinese Sister and two assistant teachers, and it speaks much for their efficient teaching that the class steadily grows in number and proficiency.

STOLE CASH BOX.

A NOVEL EXCUSE.

An eating-stall at Pakhoi Street, Yaumati, last night received a belated customer. The stall was due to close and one half of it was already taken down when the customer put in an appearance. He ordered rice and roasted goose, and whilst this delicious meal was in process of digestion, his eyes were glued to the cash-box placed on the counter. The temptation came over him to bolt off with it, and yielding to it, he did so. The keeper of the stall could not be blamed for not being more watchful. As a matter of fact, the customer had not shown any indication of his evil intention. What he actually did was to suddenly drop his bowl of rice, grab the cash box and run. A crowd joined in the chase, and some person tripped up the thief, who fell down with the cashbox clutched in his hand. He was also holding a knife, the intention evidently being to use it in resisting arrest. When the precious cash-box came to be opened by the Police the important discovery was made that it contained sixty copper cents and 220 cash!

When called upon to explain his conduct to the Magistrate (Mr. J. R. Wood), the thief gave the novel excuse that whilst eating at the stall he felt giddy, and in this state, when he was not responsible for his actions, he took up the cash box and ran. Some wicked person then had the cruelty to trip him up!

The excuse did not seem to produce the desired effect of softening the heart of the Magistrate, who, without further ado, ordered the thief three months' hard labour and four hours' stocks.

A YOUNG THIEF.

Because his master did not pay him his wages which were in arrears, a youth in the service of a Chinese living at No. 25 Kennedy Road, adopted the method of paying himself on the proceeds of the sale of his employer's property which he had stolen. A feeling of spite against the employer had also something to do with it. The youth was discharged on the 22nd instant owing to his having lost a sum of money entrusted to him to buy opium. On the same day he returned to the house and departed quietly with two decorated flower pots, valued at \$15, and two pieces of clothing. It was later found that he had disposed of these at a Japanese shop for \$1.50. With a tenacity of purpose worthy of a better cause he again made a visit to the garden of his late employer at 5.30 yesterday morning, and was arrested by the gardener who was keeping a look-out in anticipation of his coming.

When the case was called before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Police Court to-day, his Worship was informed by Sgt. Cockle that the boy's late master was ill with the flu and was unable to attend the Court to give evidence.

His Worship accordingly discharged the youth, after giving him some paternal advice to the effect that he had no right to repay himself as he did with his master's property.

ANNUAL APPEAL.

FOR DR. BARNARDO'S HOMES.

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JAPANESE IN CANADA. Vancouver, B. C. February 15. The Associated Boards of Trade of British Columbia are urging immediate action to prevent the ownership of land by Japanese in Canada.

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

Some extraordinary stamps are being issued by the newly-born States of Europe. Most of the designs symbolise their recently found freedom. The stamps of Czechoslovakia bear the picture of a lion tearing off the fetters of slavery, while those of Yugoslavia have that of a man smashing the chains that bind him. In the background the dawn is breaking. Lettonia, to celebrate its liberation from the Bolsheviks, has issued a miniature masterpiece of special design. In the centre two female figures are seen embracing, while in the foreground a skull and withered bush lie rotting. The walls of Riga loom up in the distance, and the whole scene is illuminated by the Aurora Borealis.

Is there any variety of occupation nowadays that has not organised itself into a union? In Boston the lodging-house landladies have formed, for their mutual benefit, an association which has just celebrated its first anniversary with a membership of 250. Their declared object is to establish a definite standard of excellence, and it is reported that they have been so successful that the union sign in the window is now recognised by the room-hunter as meaning cleanliness, comfort, respectability, and fair prices. Applicants for membership are admitted only upon recommendation of an investigating committee and a majority vote of the existing members. In addition to standardising the service, the Boston Lodging-house Union has been able to offer those enrolled in it the advantage of co-operative buying. Bed linen, towels, blankets, soap, matches, and many other commodities have been purchased direct from the wholesale houses and sold to the members at cost price.

The large quantities of synthetic rubies brought home by soldiers as "souvenirs of Eden" make one speculate as to how long the real Oriental rubies will retain their present value. Rubies chemically produced by the fusion of alumina are being manufactured in larger and larger numbers both in Paris and Switzerland. Within the past few weeks about 100,000 synthetic stones each weighing fully a hundred carats, have reached England from Switzerland. They would probably split up if attempts were made to "cut" them as single jewels. Each, however, could be fashioned into five or six scintillating gems, and these would be almost as attractive in appearance as the naturally-produced stones. The best synthetic rubies, if without the deep fire of the "pigeonblood" rubies of Burma, are beautiful things, and are indistinguishable, except by experts, from natural crystals. A tiara or pendant of well-cut and well-mounted Parisian or Swiss rubies on a beautiful head or neck would attract all eyes. And, though its gems were produced by human agency and not by the forces of Nature its owner could truthfully say that they "were" rubies.

It does not seem to have been fully recognised that the coffee-houses which the young Roosevelts are establishing in New York are a reversion, and a very interesting one. The coffee-house was one of the great features of town life of old, and it was certainly carried overseas by the colonists of America. It is sometimes said that the old coffee-house is represented by the modern club, but that is true only in part; to some extent it has been supplanted by the bar-parlour of the modern gin-palace. It is not to be supposed that in any large city the club has really replaced the coffee-house. There were coffee-houses for all sorts and conditions of men, and, allowing for increase of population, it is certain that there were more regular coffee-house frequenters in the old days than there are club members to-day either in London or New York. To take only one point of view, the coffee-house was immensely cheaper than the club. A man paid for what he actually drank, and the poor Grub Street writer, sport of inconstant editors or mercenary publishers, was free of the house with the rest. Perhaps there is something in the thought that much of the world's wit disappeared with the coffee-house. It certainly was not carried over into many of the clubs.

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THE CORONET.

FOOTBALL.

SHIELD COMPETITION.

After one or two more or less slack Saturdays, the Shield matches will be resumed next Saturday, when St. Joseph's will meet Kowloon in the second round, on the Club ground. The game should be a very fine one, as both clubs are young, fast and clever, and if St. Joseph's win, as I think they ought to, they will go a good way in the Competition.

Kowloon, with all worry removed over the League Competition, will be able to devote their energies to the Shield, unless they are knocked out on Saturday. For Saturday's match it is doubtful if Kowloon's sturdy defender, Jackson, will play, as he sustained a bad injury in the League game with the Navy Reserves, but it is quite probable that Mitchell, centre-half, will reappear.

St. Joseph's have a well balanced side and with Kowloon having their first trouble for the season with their players, St. Joseph's should take the field warm favourites. It is hoped both the Hyndmans, and the Omars Abbas, Ogley and Urquhart will be available, also Zeph, Silva and Rahmin, and if all these players can be relied on, St. Joseph's should qualify for the semi-final.

We have been informed definitely by Mr. Gerrard, the Hon. Sec. of the Hongkong Shield Competition, that the match, Hawkins and South China re-play, in the first round of the Shield Competition, will not take place on Saturday next. There was some considerable disappointment last Saturday over the same cause,

many people expecting to see the match following the Kowloon and Navy Reserves game. The Clubs, if they wish to see the Competition closed before the approach of the very hot weather, must render all the assistance they can, and the matches once definitely fixed should under no circumstances be allowed to be postponed. This spoils the spirit of a knock-out Competition altogether, and if Clubs have trouble with particular players on certain dates, they must just put up with it and play the best men available. The authorities, who are running the competition must be firm and insist on matches being played to date or else Clubs failing must lose the game. Only by these means is anything like satisfactory progress to be made with the competition.

The Second Division has still a few remaining matches, but they do not possess much attractiveness, excepting the Stabb and Club Reserves, which may be a fine game. The other two games will not furnish many thrills, and it is satisfactory to know that the Shield game following on the Club ground will make it worth while for spectators to journey to the Valley on Saturday, Saturday's programme is as follows:

Hongkong Shield Competition: 2nd Round.—St. Joseph's v. Kowloon, Club Ground, kick-off 4.15, referee Lt. Snook.

Hongkong League: 2nd Division.—Club Reserves v. Staffs and Depts. Club ground, kick-off 2.30, referee Mr. Coaker. Club Reserve v. United F.C. Navy ground, kick-off 2.30, referee Mr. Dawes. South China B v. I.R.C. Military ground, kick-off 2.30, referee Mr. Black.

QUIZ.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph"]

A FOOTBALL QUERY.

Sir,—Some time ago I read in your paper of an old Swindon Town football player being in the Colony. The reference was to R.P.C. Henry Burkinshaw, of H.M.S. Ambrose I think. There is a deal of argument taking place just at present as to why this individual has not been selected to represent his ship or the Navy, and why a footballer of the ability of Burkinshaw who played so well for Swindon Town Football Club did not assist England in the International match on December 27th.

There are a few persons in the Wiltshire Regiment who were very closely associated with the Swindon Town F. C. in their civilian and military life and were closely associated with Burkinshaw, as would naturally follow. They have spoken to me and asked me to try and find out if this Burkinshaw is the same as the one who played for Swindon Town. Facts of the Swindon Burkinshaw are in their possession and they are asking for this R.P.O. to produce evidence to assure them that it is the person who he claims to be. They think he is not, and the questions they ask are:—In what seasons or season did he play for the Swindon Town F.C. and which club did he leave to join Swindon, and also to which club did he go after leaving Swindon?

During Burkinshaw's career at Swindon he did one piece of excellent work which I am sure he will always remember and of which the Swindon folk are continually talking. It stands out alone above everything else, and I would like through the columns of your paper to ask Burkinshaw what it was.

Will R.P.O. Henry Burkinshaw state the initials and name, he signed on Swindon Town's forms and give me the constitution of Swindon Town's regular Southern League side in the days he declares, through your paper, that he was engaged by them?

Yours etc.

SWINDONIAN.

Hongkong, Feb. 20, 1920.

CHINESE BANKING.

TWO MORE BANKS HERE.

Two more Chinese banks will be opened in Hongkong very shortly, as last year proved very profitable to others already established.

These are the Tung Hing Bank, which will have its offices in Queen's Road; and the Shun Yue Bank, which will occupy premises opposite the Fire Brigade Station.

These Banks will be unlimited corporations, and the proprietors are reported to be well-to-do merchants.

FOOTBALL.

The following will represent the Hongkong Football Club 2nd Eleven versus the Staff and Depts. at 2.30 p.m. on the Club Ground, on Saturday the 28th inst.—W. McKenzie; W. Gerrard, Carriere; Jones, Weyman, Ireland; Zevenijn, May, Pilger, Boysen, Matthews.

GOLF.

The Bogey Pool Competition played over the Old Course at Fanling, 20th to 23rd February, was won by the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell (1 down). There were 42 entries.

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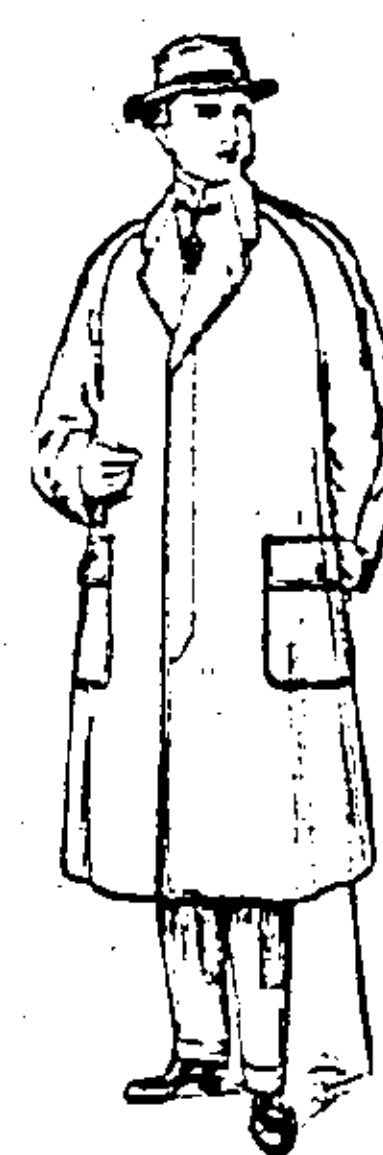
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A SINGAPORE LETTER.

The following interesting extracts are taken from a letter which the secretary of the Imperial Merchant Service Guild has recently received from a member serving in a local vessel out of Singapore. "We are having quite busy times here with all the interned German ships coming in to be put in order. Although all the officers are coming out from home still it causes a stir, and needless to say, the Guild rooms have been placed at their disposal. We have raised a fund of some 18,000 dollars, to buy a site and erect a suitable building thereon, so that future generation of officers will have a certain and sure home of their own. The sum was raised by a levy, each member paying the difference of increase in his pay between the months of May and July (you never miss what you never had)." The Guild mentioned therein is the Straits Settlements Guild with headquarters at Singapore. It might be mentioned that the Straits Settlements Guild are agents for the Imperial Merchant Service Guild, and the secretaries of both societies are in constant touch with one another, so that the members of each society will have the latest information as to what is going on. We are pleased to learn that the Singapore Society is doing very well, and we trust that their ambitious project of erecting a building of their own will prove in every possible way a success. The subscriptions, of course, which are paid by the members of this society are greatly in excess of those paid by the officers at home, the master's subscription being about £8 per annum.—Journal of Commerce.

EDUCATION OF SEAMEN.

Liverpool, dependent as it is to so large an extent upon shipping for its existence, is deeply interested in a movement that is now taking place for improving the educational standard of seamen. In order to place the movement on a sound and proper footing the World Association for Adult Education has appointed a commission, with the Hon. Crawford Vaughan, late Labour Premier of South Australia as its chairman, to inquire into and report upon the education of British merchant seamen in subjects other than those connected with their vocational training. The commission is beginning its operations by a week-end conference extending from Saturday to Monday next, when the whole question, which is one of extreme importance and difficulty, will be discussed informally with a view of drawing up a programme for formal meetings of the commission. Among the societies to be represented at the conference are the British and Foreign Sailors' Society, the Marine Engineers' Association, the Mercantile Marine Service Association, the Missions to Seamen, the National Sailors and Firemen's Union, and the National Union of Ships' Stewards, Cooks, Butchers and Bakers, while representatives of shipowners and other interests will also attend. The provisional agenda embraced discussions during the week end, in addition to the general situation of adult education among seamen, on the following specific questions:—Present educational facilities provided and the need for the provision of further facilities; the character of the services of officers; the special provision of education on the larger ships; the type of literature that should be made available; the utilisation of lantern slides and the cinema both on ships and ashore; finance; the enlistment of officers of educationalists, missions, and seamen's organisations overseas, and the organisation of educational services in Great Britain. The Mercantile Marine Service Association have elected as their representative at the conference Captain T. M. Whitehead, the president of the Association.

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MANILA	Yuesang	Fri., 27th Feb. at 3 p.m.
STRAITS & Calcutta	Chaksang	Fri., 27th Feb. at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN	Hinsang	Sat., 28th Feb. at noon.
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"SAIGON MARU" ... Sunday, 7th March.
"GANGES MARU" ... Middle of April.

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"MADRAS MARU" ... Tuesday, 9th March.
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VICTORIA & VANCOUVER—Tacoma via Manila, Keelung, Shanghai, Nagasaki, Moji, Kobe, Yokkaichi & Yokohama.

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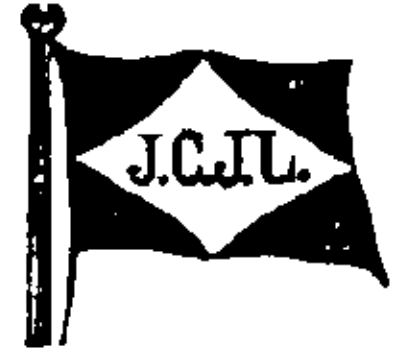
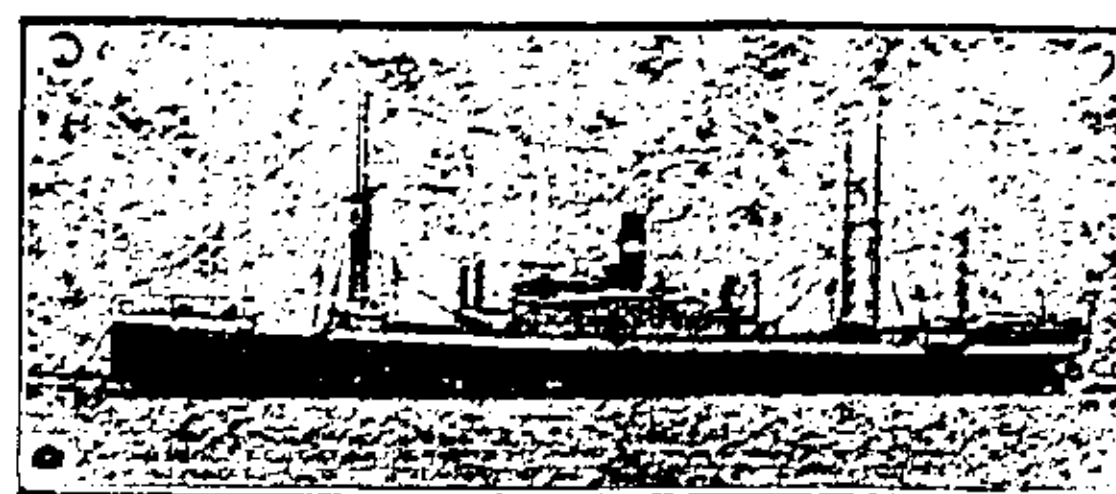
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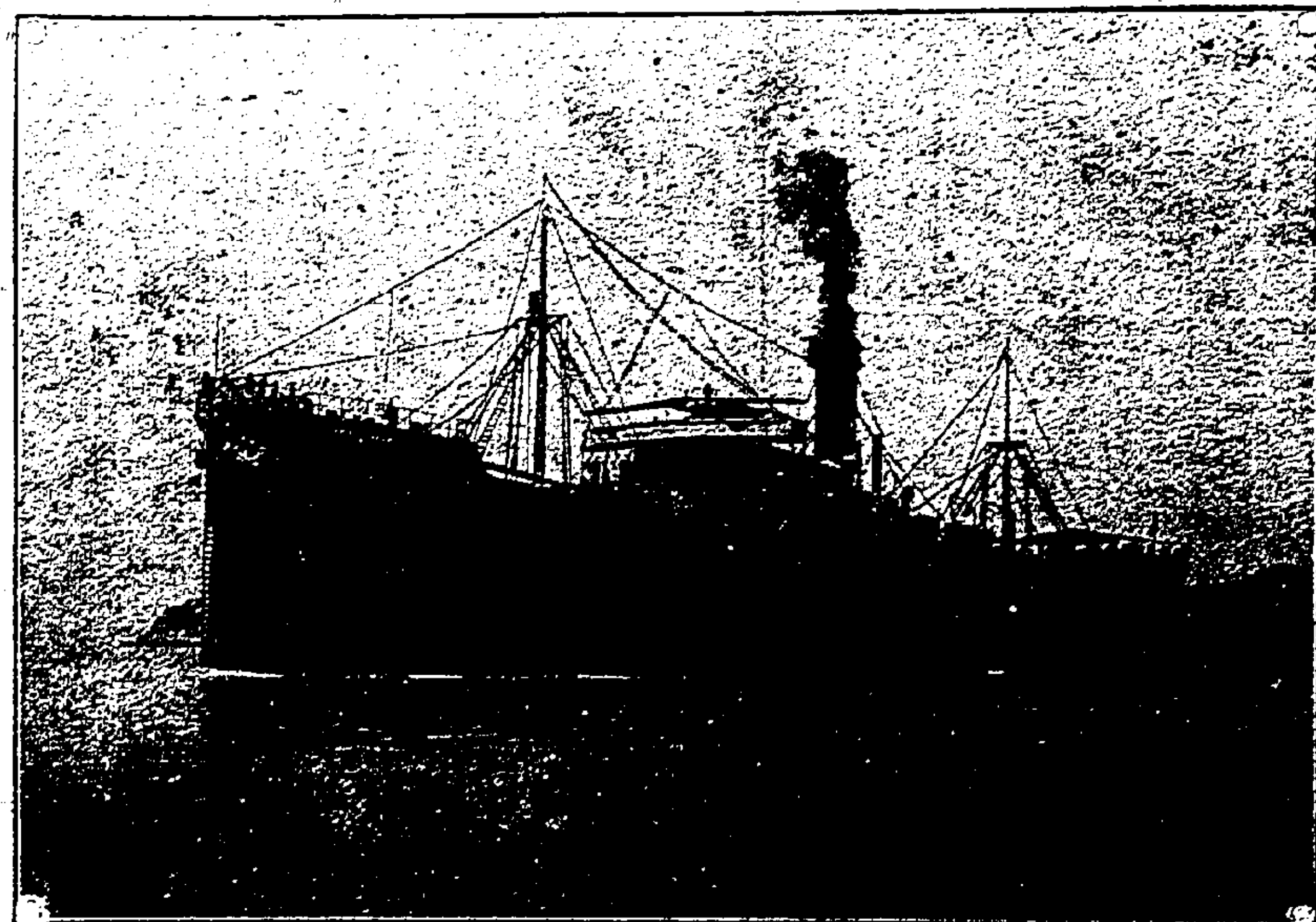
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Lake Fielding	P. M. Co.	Feb. 25
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Crosskeys	A. L.	Feb. 27
Wheatland	A. L.	Feb. 29
Hakata	N. Y. K.	E. Feb.
Colorado Springs	S. & D.	E. Feb.
Hathaway	S. & D.	E. Feb.
West Iris	S. & D.	E. Feb.
Indus	O. S. K.	E. Feb.
Totori	N. Y. K.	B. Mar.
Tajima	N. Y. K.	B. Mar.
Calcutta	N. Y. K.	B. Mar.
Itola	N. Y. K.	Mar. 1
Antiochus	B. L.	Mar. 1
West Jena	D. & S.	Mar. 1
Nile	C. M. Co.	Mar. 2
Canada	O. S. K.	Mar. 3
Africa	O. S. K.	Mar. 3
Bondowoso	J. C. J. L.	Mar. 4
Atusta	N. Y. K.	Mar. 7
Van Waerwyck	J. C. J. L.	Mar. 8
Melville	D. R. D. Co.	Mar. 8
Abercor	A. L.	Mar. 10
Tenyo	T. K. K.	Mar. 11
E. of Russia	C. P. O. S.	Mar. 11
Changsha	B. & S.	Mar. 12
Sagapora	A. L.	M. Feb.
Cafe May	A. L.	M. Feb.
Western Cross	A. L.	M. Mar.
Danera	P. & O.	Mar. 14
Swazi	B. L.	Mar. 15
Enasco	A. L.	Mar. 23
Fushimi	N. Y. K.	Mar. 17
Elkton	N. Y. K.	Mar. 18
Charlton Hall	B. L.	Mar. 20
Harold D.	R. D. Co.	Mar. 21
Tajima	N. Y. K.	Mar. 21
Nanking	C. M. Co.	Mar. 23
Montague	C. P. O. S.	Mar. 23
Tango	N. Y. K.	Mar. 24
E. of Japan	C. P. O. S.	Mar. 29

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Saikai	N. Y. K.	Feb. 26
Koji	N. Y. K.	Feb. 26
Sunning	B. & S.	Feb. 26
Sosho	O. S. K.	Feb. 26
Pilsna	D. & Co.	Feb. 26
Kumsang	J. M. Co.	Feb. 26
Chipsing	J. M. Co.	Feb. 27
Haiching	D. L. Co.	Feb. 27
Chaksang	J. M. Co.	Feb. 27
Yuensang	J. M. Co.	Feb. 27
Muttra	P. & O.	Feb. 27
Chinhua	B. & S.	Feb. 27
Banri	D. & Co.	Feb. 28
Hinsang	J. M. Co.	Feb. 28
Yingchow	B. & S.	Feb. 28
Amakusa	O. S. K.	Feb. 29
Quinnebaug	D. L. Co.	Feb. 29
Totomi	N. Y. K.	B. Mar.
Wakamatsu	N. Y. K.	Mar. 1
Laisang	J. M. Co.	Mar. 2
Dunera	P. & O.	Mar. 2
Ceylon	N. Y. K.	Mar. 2
Rangoon	N. Y. K.	Mar. 2
Chinkiang	B. & S.	Mar. 2
Tjitaroem	J. C. J. L.	Mar. 4
Yokohama	N. Y. K.	Mar. 4
Tjikini	J. C. J. L.	Mar. 4
Shisen	P. & O.	Mar. 4
Sinkiang	B. & S.	Mar. 4
Kofuku	O. S. K.	Mar. 5
Kwongsang	J. M. Co.	Mar. 5
Haihong	D. L. Co.	Mar. 5
Saigon	O. S. K.	Mar. 7
Tjimanoeck	J. C. J. L.	Mar. 7
Nikko	N. Y. K.	Mar. 24
Persia	N. Y. K.	Apr. 19
Suwa	N. Y. K.	May. 2
Kiyo	T. K. K.	July. 12
Jason	B. L.	Apr. 10
Katori	N. Y. K.	Apr. 13
Aki	N. Y. K.	Apr. 17
Nikko	N. Y. K.	Apr. 21
Tacoma	O. S. K.	M. Apr.
Ganges	O. S. K.	M. Apr.

FROM THE PULPIT.

GOD'S GIFT IN SLEEP.

Notes of a sermon by the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald at Union Church on Sunday morning.

"It is vain for you that ye rise up early and solate take rest, and eat the bread of toil; for so He giveth His beloved sleep." Psalm 127:2.

The previous verse runs: "Except the Lord build the house they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city the watchman waketh but in vain."

It would, however, be a strange perversion of the meaning to find here any discouragement of labour and watchfulness. All that is depicted is the restless over-toil and perpetual anxious care to which the industrious and vigilant are prone. The psalm seems to have been addressed to people who were busy about some work of God, probably the restoring of the temple. In religious activity it is about as easy to lose sight of God as in any other business, and the same Master who bids us not be weary in well-doing reminds us in season that there is a time to receive and recuperate as well as a time to spend and be spent. There are too many idle and indifferent people in the world no doubt, and that the Church has its share of them we are often reminded. There is a time to exert those who sit at ease in Zion or elsewhere; there is something also to be said, as in our psalm, to the earnest and industrious about their besetting faults. This is the burden of the psalm: "Do not let your industry put God out of sight, see that your earnestness does not cloud your heart with care. Back of all your building He must build, unless you are to spend your strength for naught. In all your earnest application there must be space for repose in Himself: He Who appoints your work and duty also giveth His beloved sleep."

The busy, over-diligent worker grudges the time for sleep, yet it is one of the good and perfect boons which come down from the Father of lights upon His restless, striving human children, outworn exhausted by their work or their play; kindly angel of the night, standing between mankind and madness, curtaining over each toiling day with blessed oblivion. Well-named nature's sweet restorer, fitly called a balm, is sleep, for indeed it comes from God's Gifted, best of physicians for body and for mind. The soldier bivouacked on the tented field, the sailor tossed in mid ocean, forget their dangers even on the verge of death when sleep falls on their eyelids. Watchers by the sickbed long and pray for the closing of fevered eyes, and whisper with hope renewed, "if he sleep he shall do well." Indeed there seems almost a priestly or absolving ministry for this angel of God to exercise, for many a selfish purpose, many a godless plan, many a thought of anger and revenge passes away in the night from the man who is wise enough to "sleep over" his ill design. It is a saner kindlier man that often awakes in the morning, to know that his evil thought was but a dream of darkness. And which of us, just in the common course of life, has not many a time gone to rest exhausted, worn out, at the end of our powers, to awake in the morning with a psalm of gratitude: "He restoreth my soul?" Truly a gift, a priceless boon, which effort cannot induce and money cannot buy, is the blessing which came to us just last night and for which as for every common mercy it becomes us to thank God this morning.

There is truth in the remark that one thing much, the matter with people to-day is simply want of sleep. Early and eager at business, late and excited at amusement, nature is being stinted of her due, balked of her opportunity to remake and rebuild. That is a common enough phenomenon, and physically regarded it is a spendthrift borrowing at

frightful usury, a sapping of vitality at its springs.

In the matter of character no less it is wasteful to grudge the hours of rest. "What could we not accomplish if we could be at work and in activity all the time?" thinks the industrious and zealous soul, but it is salutary amid all our eagerness to be compelled, in Bible phrase, to "stand still and see the salvation of the Lord." It may be humiliating but anyhow it is a fact that things somehow do go on without us. Sun and moon, tide and river, wind and rain, magnetism and gravitation—all the great permanent forces were here before our restless energy and do not cease when the requirement of nature overcomes that in nightly slumber. Much of our anxious wakefulness really comes from our pride.

"Casting all your care upon Him, for He careth for you"—of all who take comfort from those precious words does one in a thousand ever observe that their context is an exhortation to humility? Yet so it is: (1 Peter 5:5-7): "God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace to the humble" etc. A degree of pride does certainly mingle with much of our care. Wrapped in its dark folds is the lurking feeling that we should be safer if we ourselves could be always doing, always on the look out. And in order to rid us of that God gives to us what He does not need Himself. "He that keepeth Israel slumber not, nor sleeps;" but we must, we are bound to relax and let go, to be helpless and dependent as any infant in its cot, save for the help that cometh from the hills, the encircling care of the Almighty Father as the mountains round about Jerusalem. It is then that we are most secure, but our pride thinks otherwise, and here again as so often the saying is fulfilled that except we turn and become as little children we shut ourselves out from the realm of peace.

There is another reading of the text, perhaps more accurate but in any case not contradictory though supplementary in meaning: "He giveth His beloved in sleep." Those periods of repose which are grudged by our eager impatience and subtle pride are not waste hours. They are not even blank. Themselves a gift, they are the season and opportunity for certain givings. Physically regarded, sleep, common place though it be, is still very much a mystery, but we know that whilst nerve and muscle are relaxed and the senses almost dead for the time, the mind would seem to be at work. What we call unconscious cerebration goes on, and the process is held to explain the very common experience of problems insoluble at night clearing up of themselves as we say in the morning.

In any case, this illustrates the blessings which come to men independently of their conscious exertions, and truly they are numberless and among the best in life.

We are accustomed to say that nothing worth having is to be had without taking pains, and so forth. That is true no doubt, but equally certain is it that the things for which men kill themselves with anxious toil elude them, or turn out worthless when they get them, and the things which make life worth while come to us, and are not to be got by our breathless, sleepless efforts.

"Young man," writes an American humorist lapsing into serious philosophy, "if you will be content to wait and do your duty, at least one half of the goods of life will come your way, but if you race after them you will lose them all." Similar is the assurance of the Jewish lore in Deuteronomy: "All these blessings shall overtake you." Our Saviour Himself once likened the Kingdom of God, "as if a man should cast seed upon the earth, and should sleep and rise night and day, and the seed should spring up, he knoweth not how." The earth beareth fruit of herself, He adds, and man's part is to reap the harvest he is unable to produce, the permanent forces of nature being at

work for him, just as the heavenly keeper is never off the watch though we must slumber.

It is vain then to be at it late and early, and eating the bread of toil. That is to say it is foolish to overstrain, to forget how much has to be done apart from effort of ours, to acquire the apprehensive, unbelieving mind which forgets to consider the hills of the field, and cannot bear to think that every thread is not in one's own hands at every moment. "He giveth His beloved in sleep;" trust God, do your duty, and all things will work for you.

"The blessing of God maketh rich," says the ancient proverb, "and toil addeth nothing thereto." Beyond a certain point human exertions and anxieties are fruitless.

Now there are people—we all know them—who lose life by needless work, defeat their own good objects by allowing no time for rest, no leisure for friendship, no time even for God. Not the worst of people by any means, to be imitated indeed in their zeal, though not in their restlessness. Let none of us turn from our dear God's sacred gift of repose. It leads in the end to a larger output of useful service, untroubled by our feverish fears or mistrustful pride.

"Drop Thy still dews of quietness Till all our strivings cease: Take from our souls the strain and stress, And let our ordered lives confess 'The beauty of Thy peace.'"

DAY BY DAY.

Mr. Robert John White, chief appraiser of the Chinese Customs Service, died at his residence, Shamien, early yesterday morning, the funeral taking place the same afternoon. Mr. White was 32 years old and was just about to retire on pension. He had an attack of influenza last week, followed by pneumonia and died after an illness of six days.

The shroff of a Company which lets launches out for towing purposes was to-day given three months' hard labour for embezzlement. Between the 2nd and 5th instant, he collected on behalf of his firm a sum amounting to \$39, which, instead of going into his employer's coffers, was transferred into his own pockets. His employer was not aware of this, until he took upon himself the task of collecting the bills, for which purpose he had in his keep one of the duplicate sets of bills. He had his shroff arrested, with the result that the above sentence was inflicted.

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Bas-ets..... 1.70 sa. & b.
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Bukit Katils..... 1.70 m.
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Gheanlies..... 3.50 m.
Indragiris..... 13.25 m.
Jerams..... 2.20 sa.
Jimahs..... 3.25 sa. & b.
Kedahs..... 5.35 m.
Kempas..... 12.75 m.
Lunas..... 14.25 m.
Malaka Pindas..... 3.75 m.
Malakoffs..... 6.10 sa.
Mandai-Tekongs..... 1.40 m.
Mayfields..... 10.75 m.
New Serendahs..... 6.25 m.
Pajams..... 16.25 m.
Pantais..... 2.05 m.
Parit Peraks..... 4.40 m.
Perak River..... 3.90 sa 4.10 m.
Pulau Bulangs..... 6.25 m.
Punggers..... 1.45 m.
Sandycrofts..... 5.00 m.
Soudais..... 13.25 m.
Sungei Bagans..... 6.00 m.
Tapahs..... 29.00 m.
Tambalaks..... 1.75 m.
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NO ROOM HERE.

TOURISTS UNABLE TO FIND ACCOMMODATION.

Hotel accommodation cannot be had to-day even for love or money. The Hotels are absolutely packed, and many tourists have had to go to Canton and Macao.

There are over eighty applicants on the books of the Hongkong Hotel awaiting reservations. A most surprising thing is that some Americans who have not as yet arrived in the Colony are paying for the rooms that they have had reserved for them. This shows that things have arrived at a serious pass. When the situation is going to be relieved no one can say. Each time that a big passenger vessel comes in, the problem becomes more acute.

Hongkong is already acquiring an unenviable reputation for lack of sufficient hotel accommodation. The passengers who arrived by the s.s. Venezuela could not be put up. How the passengers of the Tenyo Maru, that is arriving tomorrow are going to get accommodation nobody knows. The tourists travelling under the Raymond auspices have been forced to go to Macao and Canton, as no rooms could be procured at the Hongkong Hotel for them.

RICKSHA FARES.

ENERGY, NOT DISTANCE, COUNTS.

Mr. Benjamin Rendall, an old resident of the Colony, turned up at the Police Court to-day to charge a Chinese ricksha coolie with demanding more than the proper fare.

The coolie's contention was that the fare depended on the energy he exerted, rather than on the distance. In the present case he was asked to put on more speed, and that necessitated a bigger fare.

Mr. Rendall informed the Magistrate that he engaged the ricksha near the Old Bailey to go to his residence at No. 1, Prospect Place, Bonham Road. The advertised fare was five cents for that distance, but the practice had been to give the coolies not less than ten cents. He would not have brought up the charge had it not been for the fact that he had been often subjected to similar annoyances. The coolie in the present instance intimated to him, when he sought to engage the vehicle, that he would refuse a fare that was less than 15 cents.

The coolie was fined \$5 by the Magistrate, Mr. N. L. Smith.

WATER RETURN.

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on February 1, 1920.

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.

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Full programme will be advertised later.

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Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that all goods have been landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

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NOTICE.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on Saturday the 28th day of February 1920, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1919.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Monday the 16th February, to Saturday 28th February 1920, (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
N. J. STABB,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 10th February 1920.

NOTICE.

NEW FRENCH LOAN 5%, 1920.

Under the guarantee of the French Republic

The Local Branch of the BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE DE CHINE will receive subscriptions for the New French Loan 5% 1920 from the 19th instant to the 10th of March next.

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M. ROUET DE JOURNEL, Manager.
Hongkong, 16th February, 1920.

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

Notice is hereby given that the Transfer Books of the above named Company will be closed from Monday the 23rd day of February 1920 to Saturday the 28th day of February 1920 both days inclusive.

Dated this 16th day of February 1920.
By Order of the Board,
GIBB LIVINGSTON & CO.
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NOTICE.

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Trans-Pacific.

Office of the Manager

Japan and China.

Yokohama, 1st February, 1920.

Effective 1st February, 1920.

Mr. P. D. Sutherland, General Agent Passenger Department, Hongkong, is appointed General Passenger Agent for Japan and China, with Office at Hongkong.

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Japan and China.

Approved:

G. M. BOSWORTH, Chairman.

U. S. SOCIALISTS.

Chicago, February 9.—Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer in a speech here said he would be ashamed of any legislatures that would refuse to allow members of the Socialist party to take their seats, owing to party affiliations. The Socialists should not be confused with criminal revolutionists, he said.

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THIR PAGE



NEW FROCK WITH YOUTHFUL LINES.



The sketch above shows a youthful style for afternoon wear developed in brown chiffon voile and taffeta. The skirt has a foundation of brown taffeta, over which falls a double tunic of brown chiffon voile with each edge a Pierrot-like ruff of taffeta. The girdle is of taupe moiré ribbon with an edge of French blue, and taupe and blue streamers thong beneath the chiffon voile the length of the skirt in front.

Designs of the Moment.

It is now a matter of history that Paris found green more to her liking with the possible exception of rust, or chardon, as the coppery tones were called. History is about to repeat itself some say, for smart Paris is ordering green—not only for hats—but for costumes. Others, equally versed in hat lore, predict yellow as the basis of spring millinery, and it is rather safe to bank on both being used, since they may be made to blend so successfully.

ENTER THE SHAWL.

Those who watch the evolution of fashion and see its development through various stages are convinced that the success of these scarfs and a gradual succumbing to Spanish fashion influence foreshadow the return of the shawl. Certain of our foremost importers have travelled in Spain and Italy, where some wonderful Venetian shawls are to be found, and have bought generously of these charming things. It is a prospect not devoid of interest, for although few of this day and generation remember when shawls were the vogue, every woman of fashion then had a Paisley or camel's hair shawl in her possession to say nothing of rare lace capes that were considered invaluable.

VOILE: A LEADER.

Among the host of lovely cotton stuffs voile is perhaps prime favourite. Figured voiles fine enough and lovely enough to pass as printed chiffons are a breath of springtime. Large designs on rather dark grounds are stunning for utility frocks. They are a substitute for the printed georgette frock, and one that means

economy—for georgettes are among the highest-priced materials just now. All fancy voiles are not printed. One has a silvery white plaid on a dark ground, a pattern one sees in foulards, and in woollens, too, for that matter. Remembering the success of organdie for the past two seasons, there may be doubt in some minds that it will continue to be good for another season. Dotted Swiss is newer, but is so different in aspect that it hardly takes the place of organdie. Besides, there are some lovely dotted organdies, the dots either printed or embroidered in self or contrasting colour. There seems to be a definite notion that orchid will be the colour of colours for spring. This colour came into prominence last summer both in organdies and lawns.

French ratines and gabardines are the most novel of the white cotton skirtings. The latter comes in interesting weaves, including those with a satin stripe.

CHIC HATS.

Hand made hats, soft and yet so closely fitted that, as some one expressed it, "they have to be put on with a shoe horn," have apparently captured popular fancy. There is an effort to reduce generally the size of the crowns; but as drapery is very chic, one wisely uses the drapery that conforms best to one's head size. There is a tendency to greater side width than has been worn heretofore and one who wishes to be very smart must wear the brim that is shaped to turn off the face or droop at the sides—that effect which shows a strong Egyptian influence.

USE YOUR EYES.

LACK OF OBSERVATION ON THE INCREASE.

One of the commonest failings at the present day is surely lack of observation. Men and women and children go about their affairs without looking, without sufficiently using their eyes, and consequently they give themselves, and other people, a great deal of unnecessary trouble.

A business woman who works in a block of City offices says that she is constantly being interrupted by messenger boys and others asking the way to different firms in the building; yet the names of these firms, with adequate directions, are posted up at the entrance. What can one think of these boys and girls who are beginning to earn their living and yet do not take the trouble to look and read and think? Are they likely to make headway in the world like a boy (or girl) who cultivates his powers of observation and realises that his brain is given him to use? Lack of observation, coupled with want of thought, is not a failing found only in the youthful. Unobservant men and women exist by the score. To look—and to think—before one does anything is really a habit, and like other good habits it should be formed early in life. It is, therefore, "up to" mothers to encourage its formation. Many mothers do, it is true, try to teach their children to be observant, and "where are your eyes, child?" is a rebuking question often heard when, say, a little girl has returned without finding something she was sent to fetch, and which was "staring her in the face." But, generally speaking, the need for looking and thinking should be much more often impressed on young minds. Before going upstairs, or to any other part of the house, a boy or girl should be taught to think if he can take anything with him that needs to go there and so save somebody else a journey. A girl could save a great deal of time over making her toilette—most desirable in the morning when the minutes are often so precious—if she adopted a systematic way of dressing and thought, so as not to be continually going from one room to another, or even from one side of a room to the other. The effects of a proper cultivation of the power of observation and of a proper development of the organising power of the brain—which, of course, take years to perfect—are many and far-reaching.

WOMEN NOT SMOKING SO MUCH.

CIGARETTE-LESS DINNERS.

Smoking among women, especially young women, is apparently not so popular as it was. During the war there was an outbreak of smoking among all classes of women of all ages, but now more moderate ideas seem to prevail, and the smoking habit, like fashions, is affected by a more modest outlook.

A woman representative of the *Daily News*, by way of comment on a nurse's letter in the *Nursing Monthly* to the effect that "the woman who does not smoke is an intruder in the circle of modern up-to-date women," writes:

"The most modern young women, as a matter of fact, do not smoke." At a recent reception at one of the largest women's club, she adds, she noticed that the girls in the early twenties refused cigarettes even with their after-dinner coffee.

In the letter which has brought forth this contradiction the writer says: "It is not necessary now for a woman to object to smoking to be ranked with the unwanted. She has only silently to abstain from the habit. Only the other day, while temporarily undertaking district nursing work I was asked by one of the patients' friends if I would have a cigarette. Think of it—a district nurse going about with a cigarette in her mouth dictating to a mother!"

"In a district nurses' home of ten nurses I was asked by the superintendent if it would be a very great sacrifice to me to refrain from smoking for a day, as the home was going to be visited. I replied that, added to the annoyance of being compelled to declare that I was not a smoker, it was very disagreeable to have tobacco smoke forced upon me whether I would or not."

This non-smoking woman is evidently not such a rare case as she imagines.

JEWELS.

Dog collars, pendants bracelets and hair ornaments richly jewelled have come back; but there is still hesitancy apparently to bedeck oneself like the favourite of an Oriental potentate. A certain restraint is noticeable in so far as jewel flashing goes. This is commendable in a way, indicating not a lack of appreciation of wonderful gems, but an abhorrence of ostentatious display, merely for the sake of establishing one's monetary status.

GOWN OF SHADED SEQUINS.



A single girdle of rhinestones over the shoulder supports this gown of vivid Tango velvet trimmed with jet sequins, bordered by a deep of taupe sequins shaded into silver.

BEAUTIES OF ALL NATIONS:

III: ENGLISH AND IRISH TYPES.



LADY DIANA DUFF-COOPER.

LILLIAN MASSEY.

Through literature and art it has become customary to associate with Englishwomen a cold, pure, classical type and corresponding features with Irish beauties, a black-eyed and rose-cheeked loveliness. Lady Diana Duff-Cooper, the famous society beauty, thoroughly represents the finest development of English charm. The dazzling purity of the English complexion, is hers, as is also the smooth, dull gold hair which accentuates blonde beauty. Her eyes are large, expressive and gray-blue in colour, and fringed with black lashes. Not all Irish types are black-eyed and rose-cheeked. Here is one lovely Irish society girl, the Honourable Lillian Massey, who is of the "gold-blonde" type, with hair of deep-shadowed gold and creamy skin, delicately tinted. The "Irish eyes of blue," are hers, however, with dark brows and lashes. The features of the typical Irish beauty are a little more blunt and less regular than those of English beauties, but have the individual charm and softness, and the vivacity of expression, native to the girls of the Emerald Isle.

JOTTINGS.

RAINBOW AND ORANGE.

Two more varieties of feather fan have been added to the already large list. The first is a huge lancer plume in an oyster handle, the feather being literally all the colours of the rainbow.

THE PHEASANT FAN.

The other has the orthodox ivory mount, to each stick of which is attached a brilliant orange-coloured pheasant's feather with black markings, the six feathers in the centre being twice as long as those on either side. With a black gown both fans would be very striking.

THE SINGLE RING.

The fashion of piling ring upon ring has quite given place to the vogue for a single ring of immense proportions. A jeweller says that he is constantly being asked to turn three or four rings into one, and that, by resetting the stones according to some design, he achieves the most fascinating of results.

BRIDESMAIDS' HANKYS.

Leading dressmakers now include a set of bridesmaids' handkerchiefs when sending home the bridal attire. At one smart wedding the eight bridesmaids had rust-coloured handkerchiefs—fortunately, it was a fast dye! Another bridesmaid brought into service an orange-tinted wisp of a hanky. The French bridesmaids prefer chiffon tissue ones, but they are for ornament only. What happens if the poor dears want them for use one does not know.

THE MODEST SHRINKING SHOE.

White doekskin shoes, if placed in the sun to dry after they have been whitened are apt to shrink and harden so alarmingly that it is difficult ever to get them comfortable again. A cobbler states that he is constantly appealed to in such cases, and that no amount of stretching will ever wholly correct the evil. His advice is to apply the blanco moist rather than actually wet, and to avoid at all costs putting the shoes on the window sill to dry.

THE CURL AND THE GRILL.

A single long curl hanging down the back is the latest mode for the fashionable boarding-school miss. A West End hairdresser says that plaits and bobbed heads are quite out. The curl is the thing, though with some hair it is anything but easy to induce it to fall into the much desired ringlet.

THE OVAL CARPET.

The oval carpet and mat form a distinct feature of the season's furnishings. Allied with a stencilled bordering on the "surround," these new floor-coverings are both decorative and practical, for they prove easier to sweep and keep clean than those with angular corners.

NEEDLEWORK TRAYS.

A charming way in which to make use of pieces of really good hand embroidery is to have them framed under glass to form a tray for afternoon tea or the early morning cup. The idea is especially useful for prolonging the life of the lovely specimens of needlework of a generation or two ago which will no longer stand the strain of washing or cleaning.

EXPENSIVE INNOVATIONS.

If you happen to be meditating the purchase of new cushions for your couches, do be wise and try the effect of these on your cretonnes before actually deciding on them. Some lovely pillows of gay, futuristic colouring, when placed in the positions for which they were intended simply had the effect of making the covers and hangings of the room look lamentably dowdy. Either cushions or covers will have to be scrapped forthwith.

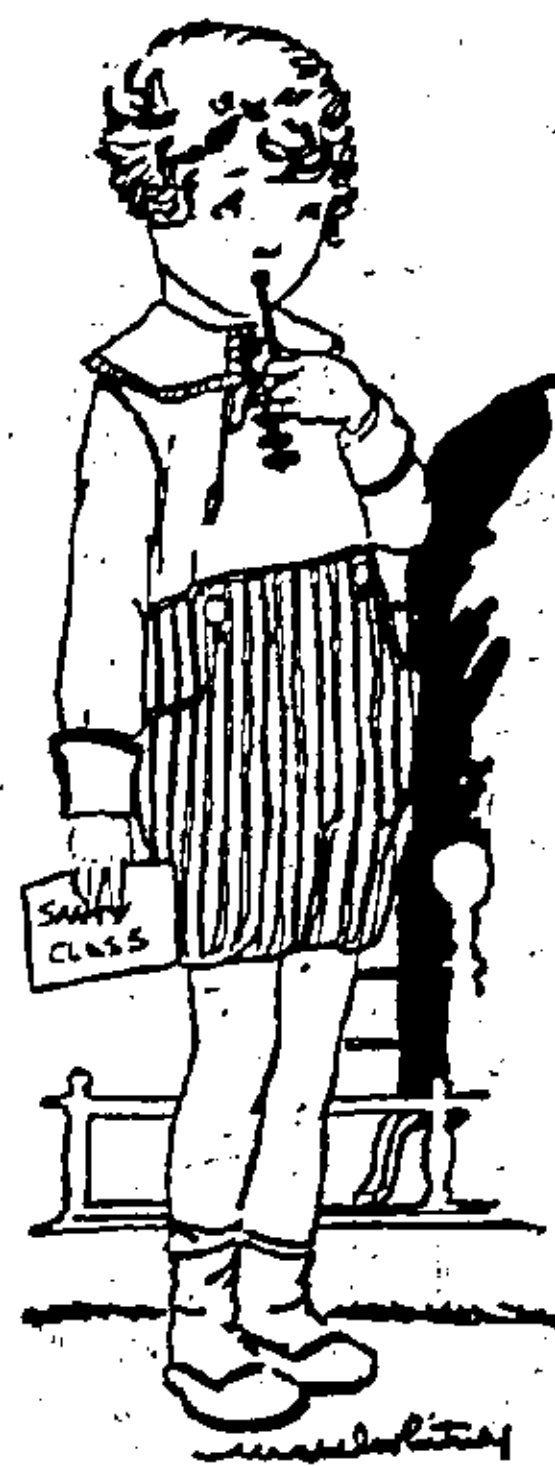
ARM PHOTOGRAPHY.

The short-sleeved fashion must be responsible for the new photographic pose which brings the arms well into the picture. A popular attitude is to lean—as gracefully as possible—over a balcony or high-backed chair. Another favourite pose is to clasp the hands behind the head; and a third—borrowed from pretty actresses—is to prop the face up with the hands, the elbows resting on a table.

CONSIDER YOUR COMPLEXION.

Many of the woman who are so keen on vivid colourings when decorating their rooms quite thoughtlessly often do an injustice to their own complexions, not to mention those of their friends. Recently seen was a flame-coloured cushion paired with a royal blue on an oak sofa covered in jade cretonne. The hostess was a pretty golden-haired girl with a fair skin, but she looked quite washed out beside these gorgeous, but difficult, colours.

A LITTLE SUIT.



Soft gray corduroy was used for these little trousers that are bloused at the knee, and the material pipes collar, cuffs and front of the pique blouse. Bone buttons finish the waist.

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It is reported from Mukden that American capitalists are now negotiating with Chinese capitalists for the establishment of a Sino-American bank with a capital of 10,000,000 yuan, with the head office at Mukden. The project is favourably received in many quarters, and it is expected that the scheme will materialise by May. Mr. Baker, formerly American Consul at Mukden, is said to be most intimately interested in the undertaking.

MA-COM'S WIRELESS TELEGRAPH.

The directors of Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Company have declared a dividend of 7 per cent, less tax, upon the 250,000 Seven per Cent. Cumulative Participating Preference shares numbered 500,001 to 750,000, and an interim dividend of 10 per cent, less tax, upon the 1,223,648 Ordinary shares numbered 1 to 500,000 and 750,001 to 1,473,648, on account of the year ending 31st December 1919; payable 2nd February, 1920, to holders registered on 17th December and to holders of share warrants to bearer. With a view to the more equal distribution of the dividend on the Ordinary shares the board has decided to increase the interim dividend from 5 per cent. to 10 per cent.

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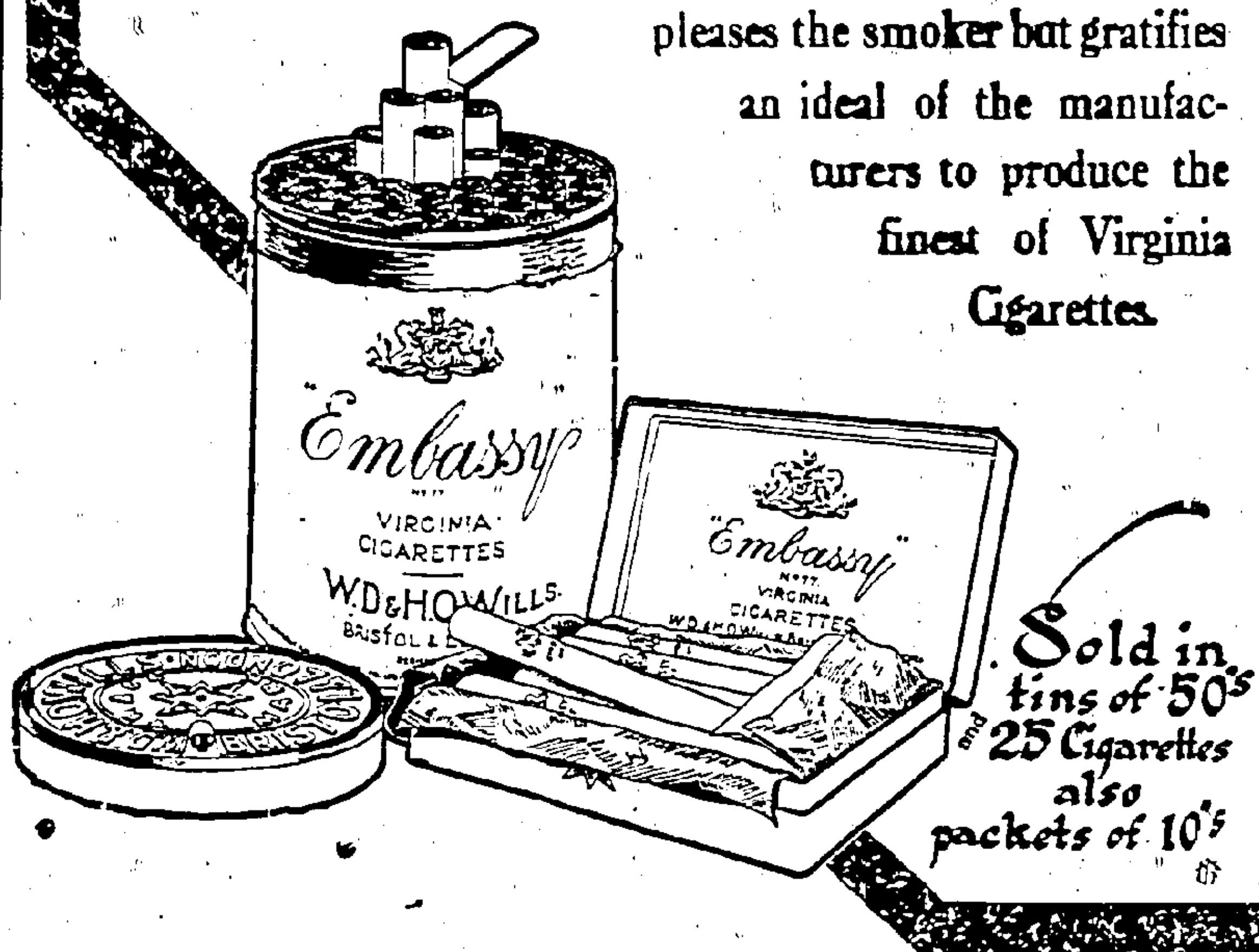
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Hongkong, Feb. 25, 1920.

WEATHER REPORT.

Feb. 25d. 11h. 11m. No rain from Vladivostok, Japan, the Philippines or the Marinas.

Pressure - barometer since yesterday are small at all recording stations.

The anticyclone is stationary over China.

The monsoon will moderate along the south-east coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 2.69 inches, against an average of 2.90 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District.	Forecast.
1 Hongkong to Cap Rock	N. winds, strong; moderate; overcast.
2 Formosa Channel	The same as No. 1.
3 South coast of China (between H.K. and Japan)	The same as No. 1.
4 South coast of China (between H.K. and Hainan)	The same as No. 1.

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.
Hongkong Observatory, Feb. 25, 1920.



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SHIPPING.

VESSELS ARRIVED.

The HANYANG, brought yesterday from Shanghai a thousand tons of general cargo.—Mooring, C 20.

From Foochow the HAI-CHING, arrived this morning with 700 tons of merchandise.—Mooring, Douglas Wharf.

The s.s. WUHU, consigned here this morning 2,300 tons of rice from Wuhu. She experienced a strong monsoon.—Mooring, C 46.

The COLORADO SPRINGS, a U. S. Shipping Board vessel at present worked by Messrs. Struthers and Dixon, delivered here yesterday from San Francisco with 3,000 casks of kerosene oil for Hongkong and 294 tons of through cargo.—Mooring, Lai-chikok.

From Philadelphia there came into port yesterday the U. S. Shipping Board ship HAITCHIE, consigned to the Standard Oil Co. Her cargo comprised 2,041 tons of case oil for the North and 6,353 tons for Hongkong.

The PILSNA, one of the boats belonging to the fleet of the Lloyd Trestino arrived yesterday from Treviso with 900 tons of through and 600 tons of direct cargo. She carried 139 cabin passengers. She experienced a strong north-east gale.—Mooring, Kowloon Wharf.

From Balikpapan the HERMES, a Dutch vessel whose local agents are the Asiatic Petroleum Company, delivered yesterday afternoon with 4,000 casks of kerosene oil.

Rice to the extent of 1,800 tons was consigned here from Saigon by the s.s. THONG SAMUD, flying the Siamese flag.—Mooring, C 13.

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INWARD MAILS.

Japan—Per MUTTRA, 25th Feb.
Japan—Per KOYEI M., 25th Feb.
U.S.A., Japan and Manila—Per TENYO M., 26th Feb.
Bombay—Per SAIKAI M., 27th Feb.
Straits and Calcutta—Per KAI-FUKU M., 29th Feb.
Straits and Bombay—Per WAK-AMATSU M., 29th Feb.
Japan—Per HAKATA M., 29th Feb.
Straits and Calcutta—Per RANG-UN M., 1st Mar.
Straits and Calcutta—Per TAI-AN M., 3rd Mar.
Straits—Per YOKOHAMA M., 3rd Mar.

OUTWARD MAILS.

TO-MORROW.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa via Takao—Per SOSHU MARU, 26th Feb., 8 a.m.
Macao—Per SUI TAI, 26th Feb., 8.15 a.m.
Shanghai and North China—Per LAKE FIELDING, 26th Feb., 10 a.m.
Shanghai and North China—Per SUNNING, 26th Feb., 11 a.m.
Saigon—Per WEST SELENE, 26th Feb., 11 a.m.
Saigon—Per PROSPER, 26th Feb., 1 p.m.
Shanghai and North China—Per KNIGHT COMPANION, 26th Feb., 4 p.m.
Japan via Moji—Per KUM-SANG, 26th Feb., 4 p.m.
Macao—Per CHUEN CHOW, 26th Feb., 4.15 p.m.
Saigon—Per HWAH KUN, 26th Feb., 5 p.m.

Weihaiwei, Chefoo & Tientsin—Per CHIPSHING, 26th Feb. 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, 27TH FEBRUARY.

Swatow and Haiphong—Per KAIFONG, 27th Feb., 8 a.m.
Swatow & Straits—Per CHIN-HUA, 27th Feb., 8 a.m.
Macao—Per SUI AN, 27th Feb., 8.15 a.m.
Sandakan, Australia, and New Zealand via Thursday Is.—Per EASTERN, 27th Feb., Reg. 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.
Straits, Bangkok and Calcutta—Per MUTTRA, 27th Feb., noon.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow—Per HAICHING, 27th Feb., noon.
Straits, Bangkok and Calcutta—Per CHAKSANG, 27th Feb., 2 p.m.
Philippine Islands—Per YUEN-SANG, 27th Feb., 2 p.m.
Macao—Per CHUEN CHOW, 27th Feb., 4.15 p.m.

SATURDAY, 28TH FEBRUARY.

Sandakan—Per HINSANG, 28th Feb., 11 a.m.
Macao—Per SUI TAI, 28th Feb., 1.15 p.m.
Macao—Per CHUEN CHOW, 28th Feb., 4.15 p.m.
Shanghai & North China—Per YINGCHOW, 28th Feb., 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, 29TH FEBRUARY.

Macao—Per SUI AN, 29th Feb., 8.15 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per QUINNEBAUG, 29th Feb., 9 a.m.

METEOROLOGICAL.

Previous.
Day On date On date.
at 4 p.m. at 4 p.m. at 4 p.m.
Barometer 30.16 30.27 30.25
Temperature 59 55 61
Humidity 74 85 72
Wind Direction E. E. E.
Force 2 4 3
Weather 0 0 0
Rain 0.00 0.00 0.00
Highest open air Temperature on the 24th 59
Lowest " " " 25th 55
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